Hosting of Asian Games

3244. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to the Indian Olympic Association's proposal to host the 17th Asian Games in 2014 in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the broad components of the proposal and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) Government has approved 'in principle' the proposal of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for bidding for the XVII Asian Games, 2014. Accordingly, Government has issued letters to IOA for submitting the bids for holding the Games. IOA has informed that they have submitted its letter of "Intent" and the same has been acknowledged by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). The allotment of the Games will be decided at the General Assembly of OCA to be held in China in September-October, 2005.

Recommendations of Youth Commission

†3245. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Youth Commission had been constituted to study the problems of youth;

(b) if so, whether the said Commission has submitted its recommendations to Government; and

(c) if so, the details of action plans being formulated by Government to implement the said recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of the National Commission for Youth (NCY) have been considered by the Government. Most of the major recommendations of the NCY relating to this Ministry have been accepted in principle. Recommendations pertaining to other Ministries and the State Governments have been referred to them.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.